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INFO AMCONSUL HONG KONG IMMSJIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L NEW DELHI 10918

HONG KONG PASS TO VOA

1. FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLED IN AMBASSADOR LATE TODAY. FOREIGN SECRETARY ASKED HOW MILLER COULD CONTINUE TO OPERATE WITHOUT SIGNING CENSORSHIP GUIDELINES AGREEMENT.

2. AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT NEITHER MILLER NOR ANY OTHER VOA CORRESPONDENT WOULD BE PERMITTED TO SIGN. IN VIEW OF GOI STANCE WE WOULD WITHDRAW MILLER. AMBASSADOR ASKED FOR ONE WEEK FOR MILLER TO WIND UP HIS PERSONAL AFFAIRS

(FOREIGN SECRETARY AGREED). AMBASSADOR STATED THAT VOA WOULD ANNOUNCE WITHDRAWAL FROM WASHINGTON ON GROUNDS THAT GOI IS REQUIRING MILLER SIGN CENSORSHIP GUIDELINES AGREEMENT. FOREIGN SECRETARY SAID HE UNDERSTOOD.

3. ACTION REQUESTED. SCENARIO SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED. WE SEE NO REASON TO DELAY GOING PUBLIC, BUT LEAVE TIMING UP TO YOU.

4. IN LIGHT OF FACT THAT PRECENSORSHIP NOW EXTEND ONLY TO PM'S COURT CASE, SUGGEST VOA ANNOUNCEMENT BE REPHRASED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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"THE VOA CORRESPONDENT IN NEW DELHI, JIM MILLER, IS BEING

WITHDRAWN FROM INDIA. THE VOA CANNOT ACCEPT THE RIGID
CENSORSHIP RULES IMPOSED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AND WE
THEREFORE FIND IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE VOA CORRESPONDENT TO
FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY IN REPORTING
A COMPLETE AND ACCURATE
ACCOUNT OF INDIAN DEVELOPMENTS."

5. MILLER WILL CEASE FILING IMMEDIATELY.
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